# the Brief

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### 2011 STATE OF THE CITY

March 30th at 7:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Resort

To purchase tickets, visit the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce website at: www.sbchamber.org.

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### DOWNTOWN PARKING LOT 10 CLOSED FOR STRUCTURAL UPGRADES





Downtown Parking Lot 10 (Ortega Garage), located at 621 Anacapa Street, is closed to the public due to construction activity to repair, reinforce and support specific concrete beams, columns and girders, and bring the accessible parking spaces into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The lot will be closed through April 2011. Traffic has been redirected to neighboring parking lots where there is sufficient capacity to compensate for the loss of parking spaces during construction.

If you have questions regarding the project, please contact Victor Garza, Parking Superintendent at 564-5656 or via email at VGarza@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.



## EL ESTERO EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

Staff at the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant is very committed to protecting our environment, public health, and safety, by maintaining an efficient and effective wastewater treatment facility. The El Estero team recognizes that public education and awareness are vital to promote responsible water usage.



Students visit the lab to get a closer look at microorganisms that treat our wastewater

#### Comments from a recent student tour:



"I discovered that El Estero is very useful to Santa Barbara - there is never one day when people don't use water."



"I learned that we should not put chemicals in the storm drain because it can make our water dirty... we need to help and make our world a better place!"





**LEARN HOW AT:** 

Or call 564-5460

www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water

#### CITY RECEIVES GRANT TO ADDRESS GANG VIOLENCE

Santa Barbara will receive approximately \$369,309 in grant funds from the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Initiative. Matched with local funds of the same amount, the City will use the grant for program partnerships with the Community Action Commission, All for One, and the Santa Barbara County Education Office to curb gang violence.

### GET READY FOR SPRING BREAK

Need a fun activity for your kids during spring break? The Parks & Recreation Department has lots of variety to offer kids up to age 17. For complete information and registration, go to <a href="https://www.sbparksandrecreation.com">www.sbparksandrecreation.com</a> and click on "eRecreation".

- Full-day Great Escape (grades 1-6). Code #14419
- Half-day **SK8 SKool** (ages 7-11). Code #14418
- Half-day Beach Volleyball (ages 9-17). Code #15103
- Half-day Art from the Heart (ages 6 months-8 years). Code #14409
- Half-day Rhythmic Gymnastics (ages 4-6 and 7-10). Codes #15149; #15150

#### **NEW CAMPS:**

- Half-day or full-day **Spring Gymnastics Camp** (ages 4-12). Codes #14811; #15146
- Half-day LEGOS: Junkyard Challenge and Bash 'em Bots (ages 8-12).
   Codes #15165: #15166

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

The Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer Activity Guide publishes online on March 22nd. Get a jump on summer – find out about all our summer camps and sports clinics and register early!





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